The net foreign exchange earnings on revenue account by Indian shipping industry during 1988-89 is estimated at Rs. 672 crores.

(d) Following steps have been taken by the Government to increase the share of Indian shipping:—

(i) India has entered into bilateral shipping agreements with some countries which provide for parity in cargo liftings and freight earnings;

(ii) There are standing instructions to Public Sector Undertakings/ Government Departments to negotiate as far as possible, C&F exports and FOB imports;

(iii) Share of Indian shipping lines in the carriage of Iron-ore exported by MMTC has been brought up through successful commercial negotiations.

(iv) In the case of export shipments carried from Indian ports in Indian vessels to discharge port in overeas market the exporters are given the REP licence on the exports in question at the rate of 10 per cent higher than their normal replenishment rate, i.e. 11 per cent as against the normal rate of 10 per cent and so on.

**Maintenance of Aircraft**

927. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high level committee under the Chairmanship of CMD of National Projects Construction Corporation Limited to examine the induction and training of engineers, condition of workshops and equipments and other various matters connected with adequate maintenance of aircraft in the Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, what is the full composition of the Committee;

(c) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report to Government; and

(d) what are the details of the aspects on which Committee propose to examine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The composition of the committee is:

1. Sh. J. K. Mehra, Chiarman

2. AVM Gowrie S. G. Thate, Air Headquarter—Member

3. Sh. R. K. Hasija, Air India—Member

4. Sh. K. B. Ganesan, Former DGCA—Member

5. Sh. S. P. Marya, Dy. DGCA—Member.

(c) The Committee has been asked to submit its report within 4 months.

(d) The terms of reference of the Committee is to examine the induction and training of engineers, the conditions of workshops and equipmment, awarding of various licences and endorsements, maintenance procedures and all other matters connected with adequate maintenance of aircraft in Indian Airlines. It will also examine the aspects of requlatory control and monitoring procedures of air-worthiness.

**Acquisition of Defective Vessels by Shipping Corporation of India**

928. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India has acquired defective vessels from Romanian and East German Shipyards;

(b) if so whether the Shipping Corporation of India has yet to pay nearly Rupees 10 crores of the contract price;